

## COPELAND AMAZES CITY'S CLUB WOMEN

"Some of You Probably Are Drug Addicts," He Tells Fashionable Audience.

### ONE SPEAKER ASSAILED

Dr. Willis Called "Willie" by Mother Who Resented Plea for Immigrants.

If the members of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs went away from the forty-eighth annual convention of that organization yesterday casting speculative glances at each other, it was wholly due to Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health. The Commissioner did not talk more than five minutes, but he found time to throw a good sized bomb amid the hundreds of delegates who filled the ballroom of the Hotel Astor.

"Charming as you are, ladies," he told them, "I am not at all sure that there are no drug addicts among you. However," he added soothingly, "being a drug addict doesn't necessarily mean that one is a racial or a cheat."

"Ladies!" Mrs. John Francis Yawger, the outgoing president of the "Fed," interrupted in her commanding voice at this critical moment, when everybody was covertly looking at everybody else for that glassy stare which is said to indicate the narcotic habit. "I have a painful thing to say in regard to the election now going on." (Here it is proper to state that the contest between Mrs. Harry Lilly for president and her ticket and Mrs. Thomas Slack and her ticket was so close as to cause much palpitation of hearts.)

"Ladies!" resumed Mrs. Yawger, with a look of apology to Dr. Copeland for interrupting him, "I am sure that word is brought to me that tickets are being given out and electioneering is going on right outside that door and around the hall. Ladies, do you wish to break the election laws of the State of New York?"

### 200,000 "Fiends" in City.

Then Mrs. Yawger sat down sorrowfully and the Health Commissioner took up his speech, explaining he had meant to reflect on the F. of W. C. A., but based his diagnosis on the knowledge of the great number of drug takers at large and the fact that some of them moved in the best society.

"There are 200,000 of them in the city," he declared. "There are 2,000 retail drug stores in New York and 15,000 in the State. One store alone sold 250 ounces of narcotics, enough to equip 250 individuals to hell. We have the figures, and they are alarming."

Dr. Copeland invited George H. Whittey, who had just been speaking on the result of the investigation into this evil by a commission of which he is a member, to "bring his commission to New York and cooperate with the Board of Health." He added he meant to wait for the medical profession to fight narcotics.

"The Board of Health is going to establish drug stations and check up on the dishonest doctors," he said. Then looking into the faces of club leaders who had just been speaking on the case of the division of industrial hygiene from the bureau of preventable diseases, he said: "I am sure that you will find your city ever had to fight industrial diseases, and that with the 'wonderful' police power of the Board of Health, he proposed to see that the workers of New York had a fair deal in sanitation. He ended by asking the delegates to let him come some day and talk to them plainly on social hygiene, and asked them to do all they could to combat the drug evil, which might at any time enter any of their homes."

### Busy Day for Women.

All in all, the women passed a busy day, and when they adjourned had passed resolutions on most everything from keeping the "Fed" out of the city to screening the lady ticket takers in the subway from the drafts that carry them. One of the tasks the "Fed" itself is to do is to screen the women between desolate women and bare backs.

This delicate and difficult duty was described by Mrs. James Frieswell, president of the Woman's Republican Club, who some weeks ago, after hearing Deputy Police Commissioner Ellen O'Grady talk on the "Charm of the City," introduced a resolution that the "Fed" appoint a committee to wrestle with those designers and make them see the evil of their ways. The committee will soon be appointed and will first draw the line of demarcation between permissible delectable and demoralizing bare-backery. Then it will visit the designers.

The resolution was not passed unanimously. "Noes" were heard from the front seats, but a careful canvass of those seats failed to detect the yeas or noes of those who were absent.

"Oh, no, no! Oh, no, I didn't vote against the resolution," every delegate protested.

### Doctor Starts Rumpus.

Another lively time was had over the speech of Dr. John Willis Slaughter, who has lived in thirty-five different countries, and who talked on "Americanization—What Can You Do?" Dr. Slaughter had some kind words to say of the immigrant, and thought that he had been fair to him, which didn't go well with an assemblage that had been resolving all day against pro-Americanism. The delegates heard the speech politely, but out in the hall he had to run a gauntlet of criticism. One woman shook her fist near the doctor's head, and told him she had a son who could "kick him to a frazzle."

"John Willis, indeed!" she sniffed. "Willie just about fits you."

Several strong anti-German resolutions were passed.

Mrs. Mary Garrett Hay got through a resolution urging the Legislature to confirm Gov. Smith's nomination of Miss Francis Perkins as member of the Industrial Commission. Miss Hay also spoke in condemnation of the Senate's course in refusing to pass the Federal suffrage amendment, whereupon the convention hissed the Senate vigorously.

Another resolution asked the War Department to confer some decoration on women who have performed distinguished war service. One that did not pass was the resolution asking that bare making it a penal offence to teach birth control be abolished.

In the evening the "Fed" proceeded to

## show the War Department its duty by conferring a distinguished service medal on a beautiful six pointed star designed by its own artist, upon Miss Evelyn Small.

Mrs. Small, who has worked courageously at the front during the war, was interested in children's playgroups. The resolutions ask a Roosevelt playgroup, which may be copied in all parts of the world, and thus serve to help this country and the world in producing citizens of which Roosevelt himself might be proud.

Mrs. Henry Little was elected president of the federation (it was announced, when the ballots had been counted, that other officers chosen were: First vice-president, Mrs. R. Percy Chittenden; second vice-president, Mrs. William D. Spurr; third vice-president, Mrs. Louis Ralston; recording secretary, Mrs. Carroll L. Nichols; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. H. Andrews; treasurer, Mrs. Henry G. Hughes; historian, Mrs. Otto Hahn.

## BROAD ST. HOSPITAL GETS \$100,000 GIFT

Anonymous Contribution Conditional on Raising \$200,000 in Three Weeks.

Public announcement was made yesterday in various medical journals of an anonymous gift of \$100,000 to the Broad Street Hospital, located on South Street, for the erection of a new addition to the institution, and of additional gifts amounting to \$50,000 to be devoted to the equipment of a "Roosevelt Pavilion" when the addition has been completed. The pavilion will be a memorial to the late Theodore Roosevelt.

The anonymous \$100,000 gift was made with the provision that the balance of \$200,000 needed to complete the contemplated addition be raised by March 1 of this year. Henry L. Doherty, the only financier who has his living apartments in the heart of the Wall Street financial district—and William H. Jones are at the head of a committee of the members of which are neglecting their own affairs in order to come to the aid of the Broad Street Hospital.

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### HOSTESS HOUSE OPENS TO-DAY.

Y. W. C. A. to Hold Reception in Debarcation Club.

The Young Women's Christian Association, at Lexington Avenue and Fifty-first Street, will be formally opened this afternoon with a reception which hundreds of army and navy officials and persons prominent in civil life will attend.

More than 2,000 invitations have been issued, and the reception will open at 4 o'clock with the turning over of a key to Major-General David G. Shanks of the port of embarkation at Hoboken.

Mrs. James S. Cushman, first vice-president of the New York City Y. W. C. A., will make the presentation.

In the receiving line there will be Major-General Shanks, Brigadier-General and Mrs. Thomas H. Barry, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Albert Gleaves, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Donald D. Drayton, and Mrs. A. L. Long, Commander and Mrs. W. P. Franklin, Chaplain W. D. Isaacs, Major and Mrs. Axton and Mrs. Cushman.

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## JONAS SUPPORTERS WANT MONEY BACK

Contributors to Soldier Welcoming Fund Resent Riegelmann's Course.

### RABBI LYONS IS ONE

School Teachers Also Ask for the Return of Their Gift.

Several contributors to Brooklyn's \$40,000 soldier welcoming fund have asked for their money back. This is the latest phase of the quarrel provoked by Borough President Riegelmann's acceptance of the resignation of Chairman Nathan S. Jones of the Brooklyn Celebration Committee.

About sixty friends of Mr. Jones have resigned their gift, but as the committee had \$400 members, the new chairman, Representative John J. Delaney, professes to believe that there will be plenty left to carry through a reorganization program next week. Meanwhile contributions, which averaged more than \$1,000 a day when Mr. Jones was chairman, have dwindled greatly.

Would Give Money to Red Cross. In his letter of resignation Rabbi Alexander Lyons of the Eighth Avenue Temple said: "The committee has been degraded from a lofty patriotic purpose to a low, political, personal profit. It is an honor to get out of it. So please drop my name at once. The little contribution I made for the use of the former committee, I do not now regard as wisely bestowed. If, as I think, I have any moral claim upon that sum I would prefer to have it withdrawn and diverted to the use of the Red Cross, where it will serve a noble purpose in an unquestionable manner."

The Heads of Departments Association, made up of public school teachers, has asked Chairman Delaney to return the \$25 which it gave the fund. The Society of Old Brooklynites voted to withdraw from the Veterans Celebration Committee in a body and to cancel their subscription of \$100.

A resignation that occasioned much talk was that of Mr. Arthur J. O'Keefe from the executive committee of the League of Nations, which it shall guarantee that labor shall not be considered a commodity or an article of commerce, and the right of the American seamen's act as an international minimum; exclusion from international commerce of goods produced by children under the age of 14; and working at night; establishment of the eight-hour shift; standardized international labor statistics and recognition of labor's right to organize and the granting to alien laborers of the rights of nationals.

The guarantee of remunerative employment to soldiers and workers demobilized since the armistice, with the development of public avenues of employment to supplement private means and the aid of public employment services.

The principle of the minimum living wage, with equal pay for the sexes. Right of labor to form shop committees to advise with the management, and the representation of labor on every public appointive commission.

Extension of social insurance to include illness. Continuance of the National War Labor Board during the present international settlement.

Opposition to any legislation which will continue the nation on a military basis. Complete restoration of freedom of speech, assembly and of the press, with the repeal of legislative restrictions enacted during the war emergency.

Objection to the levying of the war debt on the wage earners through tariffs or stamp taxation on necessities, on the amusements of the people, or by invidious and complex wording of revenue bills.

Founding of public food markets in every community, extension and repair of rural highways, maintenance of state experimental farms and other aids to agriculture.

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## SAYS SHE PAID \$6,100 FOR RUGS WORTH \$25

Woman Has Dealer Arrested and Court Recognizes Him.

Mrs. Cora B. Timken, 280 West Seventeenth Street, says she hesitated a bit last October before she finally paid Paul S. Van Baarn, a rug dealer, \$23 West 150th Street, \$6,100 for two rugs which he told her were Persian and had been handed down as heirlooms in his family from generation to generation.

Van Baarn explained, no Mrs. Timken said yesterday, that the only reason he was willing to sell them was because he needed the money.

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## SOLDIERS QUICK TO THANK FUND DONORS

Messages Come From France and Parts of Occupied German Territory.

### SMOKES HELP WOUNDED

Subscribers of Charlotte, N. C., "Observer" Send \$409 for Tobacco.

Many messages of thanks to contributors to THE SUN Tobacco Fund were received yesterday. One came from Sergeant H. Granger, who recently sent the skin of a snake to the fund to be sold for the benefit of the soldiers. The letter was from J. D. Hunter, who is assisting in the hospital centre at Allerey, France. He writes:

"Knowing you will be interested to learn where your tobacco went I am taking this opportunity to write and tell you. It was served at a big holiday dinner for the personnel of Base Hospital 49. I did not personally receive the gift but I acted in the distribution of the smoke."

"Everything considered we had a happy holiday season away off here from family and friends. Some of the boys expected to pass a blue season, but the arrival of these fine gifts of tobacco from you and other friends through THE SUN Tobacco Fund changed things and had a wonderful effect in making us feel that though gone we were not forgotten. Yes, Mr. Granger, you may take a large share of credit in making our holidays a grand success in France. And may I personally offer my thanks for the remembrance from the U. S. A. because over here it seems a longer way from home than it looks to you over there."

Smokes Give a Surprise. Sergeant M. D. Clements, who is in Base Hospital 26, also writes to Mr. Granger. "I want to thank you for the cigarettes I received from you through THE SUN Tobacco Fund. Nothing is more acceptable to us men than cigarettes if we smoke, and most of us do, and coming near the first of the year without our having the expectation of getting back home quickly they were doubly acceptable."

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